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SUBJECT: WESTERN EUROPEAN E/C OFFICER CONFERENCE

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1. E/C COUNSELOR PLACKE PLANS TO ATTEND CONFERENCE IN SALZBURG OCTOBER 10-13. COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR-DESIGNATE WILLIAMS IS NOW SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE OTTAWA ON TRANSFER FROM AUCKLAND OCTOBER 23. POST CONSIDERS HIS ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCE IN DUBROVNIK, YUGOSLAVIA OCTOBER 17-20 WOULD BE USEFUL BUT SHOULD NOT AFFECT HIS ARRIVAL DATE IN OTTAWA.

2. AUCKLAND FOR WILLIAMS. IF YOU CAN ACCOMMODATE ATTENDANCE AT DUBROVNIK CONFERENCE IN YOUR PRESENT TRAVEL AND HOME LEAVE/CONSULTATION SCHEDULE, WE ENCOURAGE YOU
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TO DO SO. OTHERWISE, WE WILL RELY UPON PLACKE'S SOLO PARTICIPATION. IN ANY CASE, WE ARE DEPENDING UPON YOUR ARRIVAL IN OTTAWA BY OCTOBER 23. YOU SHOULD RESPOND DIRECTLY TO ALL OF ABOVE ADDRESSEES ALSO INFORMING OTTAWA. UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED, RESERVATION WOULD BE MADE FOR YOU AT HOTEL LIBERTAS IN DUBROVNIK, OCTOBER 16-20.

3. PLACKE REQUESTS RESERVATION DOUBLE ROOM AT SALZBURG (MRS. PLACKE MAY ACCOMPANY) FOR OCTOBER 9-13.

4. REGARDING CONFERENCE AGENDA, UNIQUE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP AND U.S. COMMERCIAL DOMINANCE MAKE CANADA SPECIAL CASE. VIEWED FROM THIS PERSPECTIVE, ASSESSMENT OF IMPLICATIONS OF MTN FOR TRADE POLICY AND TRADE PROMOTION WOULD BE MOST BENEFICIAL. CANADIAN DOLLAR IS ALONE AMONG CURRENCIES OF MAJOR U.S. INDUSTRIAL TRADING PARTNERS IN DEPRECIATING VIS-A-VIS U.S. DOLLAR, BUT WE BELIEVE DISCUSSION OF TRADE IMPLICATIONS OF EXCHANGE RATE ADJUSTMENTS WOULD ALSO BE OF INTEREST. IN ADDITION TO THOROUGH REVIEW OF CURRENT TRADE PROMOTION POLICY AND PROGRAMS, WE HOPE SOME ATTENTION WILL ALSO BE GIVEN TO IMPACT OF TIGHTENING RESOURCE CONSTRAINTS, ESPECIALLY PERSONNEL, ON TRADE PROMOTION ACTIVITIES. ENDERS

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